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Dear Sir

J Sainsbury Announces: Statement by Delta (Two) And J Sainsbury Plc regarding a possible offer for Sainsbury's.

Please find enclosed copies of the above announcement made to the London Stock Exchange on 26 October 2007.

Yours sincerely

Hazel Jarvis
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A further announcement will be made in due course.

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